

DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-217434 DATE: January 18, 1985
MATTER OF: ARA Environmental Services, Inc.

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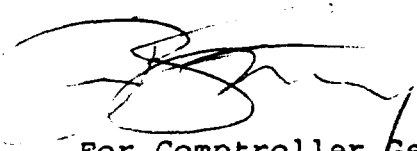
Protest against award of contract by Soldiers' and Airmen's Home is dismissed since the award does not involve the direct expenditure of appropriated funds.

ARA Environmental Services, Inc. (ARA), protests the award of a contract to any firm other than itself under solicitation No. 3.4275.01 issued by the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, Washington, D. C. ARA contends that it is the low, responsive, responsible bidder and is therefore entitled to award.

We dismiss the protest.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Home is not supported by funds appropriated from the general treasury, but from fines and forfeitures adjudged against soldiers and airmen by the military authorities, unclaimed monies belonging to the estates of deceased servicemen, a fee levied on members of the Home, and pay deductions from enlisted men and warrant officers. See 24 U.S.C. §§ 44, 44b, 44c (1982). Its expenditures are not subject to audit or exception by our Office. B-155495, Nov. 27, 1964.

Therefore, we will not consider ARA's protest on the merits since, even if we agree with ARA's arguments, without the expenditure of appropriated funds, we would not be able to recommend any corrective action. See Steuart Petroleum Company, B-210742, Mar. 14, 1983, 83-1 C.P.D. ¶ 251.



For Comptroller General
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